

Kankakee Plant To Close Soon

All production at the Kankakee Ordnance works will in all probability be shut down the end of January, it was reported today by Col. Raymond C. Costabile, commanding officer of the Joliet Arsenal.

Col. Costabile said that altho no official communication had been received from Washington, all indications pointed to the shutdown. It was learned by the Herald-News that some technical employees have already received notices of their dismissal.

The duPont corporation has been operating a small portion of the giant ordnance works, manufacturing ammonium nitrate, which is shipped to other plants where it is processed into fertilizer. About 155 persons have been employed at the Kankakee works.

Col. Costabile said operations would probably continue thru the end of January and another two months of work would remain to put the plant in stand-by condition. He said a skeleton force from the Joliet Arsenal would then be assigned to the area for maintenance.